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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 4, 2002

PETITION OF

DAVENPORT EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00053

For Extended Local Service
from Verizon Virginia Inc.'s
Davenport Exchange to its
Clintwood Exchange

FINAL ORDER

On March 21, 2002, telephone customers in Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Davenport Exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for Extended Local Service ("ELS") to the Clintwood Exchange of Verizon Virginia.

On June 24, 2002, the Commission issued an Order Directing Cost Study and Poll that, among other things, directed Verizon Virginia to prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service from the Davenport Exchange to the Clintwood Exchange. Verizon Virginia also was directed to poll its Davenport Exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for extended local calling to the Clintwood Exchange and to file the results of its poll with the Commission on or before November 8, 2002.

On May 10, 2002, the Commission's Division of Communications received a cost study from Verizon Virginia for the Davenport Exchange that was used to estimate the change in monthly rates. On September 4, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed the results of its poll. In its filing, Verizon Virginia noted that 1,203 ballots were mailed and 378, or 31.4%, were returned. The results further reflect that of the ballots returned, 165, or 43.7%, voted "yes," and 213, or 56.3%, voted "no."

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the matter, is of the opinion and finds that because a majority of Davenport Exchange customers voted against extension of local service to the Clintwood Exchange, the petition should be denied.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The petition is hereby denied.
- (2) There being nothing further to be done in this matter, this matter is hereby dismissed.